

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

The South African Radio League broadcasts a news bulletin each Sunday in Afrikaans and English at 08:15 and 08:30 Central African Time respectively on HF and various VHF and UHF repeaters around the country. The bulletin is relayed on Echolink by Johan, ZS6JPL. The audio bulletins can be downloaded from the League website at <http://www.sarl.org.za> while the text bulletin can be downloaded from <https://sarlnewsbulletin.wordpress.com>. To join the MailChimp bulletin mailing list, send an e-mail to the SARL Secretary.

While the problems experienced by some members accessing the SARL web pages are being attended to, an additional channel is now available. To download the weekly SARL News audio recordings and to listen to, or download Amateur Radio Today, log on to [www.amateurradio.org.za](http://www.amateurradio.org.za).

In the news today:

**THE ZS3 QSO PARTY THIS AFTERNOON**

**THE SARL 100 PROJECT**

and

**HF AND VHF/UHF CONTESTS THIS COMING WEEK**

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

The SARL News Team wishes all the candidates writing the RAE on Saturday 21 May, all the best. We hope to hear you on the air very soon.

### **THE ZS3 QSO PARTY THIS AFTERNOON**

This afternoon from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC, you can participate in the ZS3 QSO Party with the aim to work as many ZS3 stations as possible. Take note, ZS1, ZS2, ZS4, ZS5 and ZS6 work ZS3 ONLY! Stations in ZS3 work everybody! It is a CW and phone activity; the exchange is a RS or RST report and provincial or country abbreviation. Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Friday 20 May 2022 and send it to [zs3nc@qsl.net](mailto:zs3nc@qsl.net). Get all the information on page 46 of the 2022 Blue Book.

### **THE SARL ELECTRONIC QSL SYSTEM**

The SARL Electronic QSL system is available for all South African radio ama-

teurs, members of the SARL as well as non-members. Visit [www.sarl.org.za/SAQSL/Default.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/SAQSL/Default.asp) for all the information.

## **THE SARL 100 PROJECT**

How old is the SARL really? We have recently come across information from a couple of old scrapbooks from the garage of a radio amateur, that he got from a deceased estate, which indicates that the SARL could be older than we think, we are conducting further research to verify how old the SARL really is. This is an example of some of the interesting and exciting information that is being discovered while delving through documents looking for historical events related to the SARL and the organisations preceding the SARL.

How can you help us with this project? We need your help to gather information, especially from the magazines. You will be provided with templates to facilitate the collection.

We are also in need of items and information which is with amateurs, this is not only for the museum but also for the book. We are also looking for the programmes of previous AGMs as well as photos with descriptions and identification of persons in the photos, if possible.

Are you aware of any inventions or contributions to science and technology that was made by radio amateurs over the years? It is important that we get this information.

We will collect all books, items and information that you may have, from you and return them again to you if you require them back, or you can contact us and we will tell you how you can document, scan or photograph the items for us. If anyone is of the opinion that he or she has so much information for us and should be visited regarding information, please let us know so that we can arrange a time for the visit, or if you want, come and visit us at the NARC. If you can assist, please contact Anette, ZR6D on mobile 073 1999 032, or Mark, ZS6MDX on mobile 082 385 2688, or you may contact Kelley at the NARC for our contact details.

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## **CLUB NEWS**

The Magalies Radio Amateur Club is hosting a Zoom meeting with a guest from the UK from 14:00 local on Saturday 21 May 2022. Our guest is Callum McCormick, M0MCX the creator of the DX Commander Antenna and YouTube channel. If you are interested to join our meeting via Zoom, please send an e-mail to Hannes at [zs6jde@gmail.com](mailto:zs6jde@gmail.com). Hannes will communicate the arrangements with you.

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club invites everybody to the upcoming boot sale on Saturday 28 May at the Clubhouse in Kroton Street, Weltevreden Park. The gates will open as usual at 10:00 for everyone to socialise and enjoy our delicious hamburgers on International Hamburger Day. Vendor trading starts at 11:30, all the usual vendors will attend, the Club will also have a table. Book your stand and table by contacting Phillip, ZS6PVT at mobile 083 267 3853 or e-mail [zs6pvt@gmail.com](mailto:zs6pvt@gmail.com).

## CONTEST NEWS

The third leg of the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest will be run from 17:00 to 18:00 UTC on Wednesday 18 May with CW, RTTY and phone activity. CW and RTTY contacts count 3 points while phone contacts count 2 points. You also earn 2 points for each new grid square and 1 point for each new Club worked. Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Monday 23 May to [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za). Do not use any other e-mail address.

The 46 VHF/UHF Group is hosting the first leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Digital contest on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May 2022. Activity takes place on 6 and 2 metres as well as on 70 centimetres. The contest has been divided into time slots where all the contesters are working 2 hour time slots per band. This was done to concentrate the activity in such a way that more stations can be worked by having all the stations on the same band. On Saturday from 03:00 to 05:00 UTC activity is on 6 metres, from 05:00 to 07:00 UTC on 2 metres and from 07:00 to 11:00 UTC on 70 cm. On Sunday we start on 2 m then go to 6 m and end off on 70 cm. The exchange is an RSQ report and your 6-character Maidenhead grid locator. Submit your log sheet by 23:59 CAT on Sunday 27 March 2022 by e-mail to [sarlvhfuhfcontest@gmail.com](mailto:sarlvhfuhfcontest@gmail.com). All the information can be found on page 21 to 23 of the 2022 Blue Book.

The first leg of the YOTA Contest. This CW and SSB operating event, organized by the IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with MRASZ (the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society), takes place from 08:00 to 19:59 UTC on Saturday 21 May. For full rules and entry category details, visit [www.ham-yota.com/](http://www.ham-yota.com/).

Forty-six logs were received for the second leg of the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest held on 30 April. It is noted that participants struggle to spell Lichtenburg! Log sheets must only be sent to [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za) and no other e-mail address. Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent out when the log sheet arrives.

1st the West Rand ARC – 1 646 points  
2nd the Northern Cape ARC – 233 points  
3rd the Sandton ARC - 215 points

1st Gerhard, ZS3TG – 159 points  
2nd Karen, ZS6MMA - 157 points  
3rd Kobus, ZS6BOS - 152 points

## **PROPAGATION REPORT**

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at low to moderate levels. There are currently four sunspots with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C- and moderate probability for M-class flaring. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 71. The 10 to 30 m bands may provide some good DX fun especially in the late afternoons. Please visit the website [spaceweather.sansa.org.za](http://spaceweather.sansa.org.za) for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

Today - the ZS3 QSO Party

16 May – National Barbecue Day and the closing date for Early Morning Logs

17 May – World Telecommunications Day

18 May – the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest

20 May – the closing date for ZS3 logs

21 May – International Tea Day, the May RAE, the Magalies Zoom meeting and the YOTA contest

21 and 22 May – the SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest

23 May – the closing date for 80 m Club Logs

26 May – Ascension Day and the Sandton Talking Tech Power Hour

28 May – International Hamburger Day and the West Rand Boot Sale

28 and 29 – the CQ WPX CW contest

29 May – the closing date for SARL VHF/UHF Digital contest logs

31 May – Republic Day

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Friday afternoon preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio programme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to [artoday@sarl.org.za](mailto:artoday@sarl.org.za).

You have listened to a news bulletin written by Dennis Green, ZS4BS, proof read by Dave Reece, ZS1DFR and read by .....

From the News Team, best wishes for the week ahead.

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